14. *Excise.*—In addition to the continuance of the existing temporary staff for the prevention of smuggling and the conservation of tobacco and customs revenues, especially in the border areas, provision has also been made in the next year's budget for the introduction as a temporary and experimental measure of the system of local option in the Municipal town of Attingal, discontinuing local option in the Municipal town of Changanachery.

15. *Interest.* Provision is, as already stated in para 9 above, made for the payment of advance interest up to the end of the current year and one half yearly instalment of the interest on the three and a half per cent Loan 1956 of B.Rs 50 lakhs recently floated by Government for financing the Capital schemes. In consequence of the reduction of the rate of interest on Savings Bank deposits to 3 per cent per annum referred to already, a saving of Rs ·95 of a lakh has been allowed for under this head.

16. *General Administration.*—The House was told this time last year that the separation of the Finance and Accounts departments of the State was then in contemplation. A Special Officer was appointed about the end of Dhanu last for drawing up and submitting to Government definite and concrete proposals for the separation. His report having been submitted in Kumbham, Government in their order R. Dis. No. 600 of 1936/Gl., dated 11th April 1936, published in the Gazette, sanctioned the separation of the Finance and the Accounts departments and the organisation of a separate Financial Secretariat under the charge of an independent whole time Secretary. The functions of the new Finance Department and the Account Officer were clearly laid down. Pending results of actual experience of the working of the new Financial Secretariat, the existing temporary staff will be continued as such up to 8th Medam next *i, e.*, for one year from the date on which the separation was actually given effect to. Proposals for organising the staff on a permanent basis will be considered in due course. With the formation of the separate Financial Secretariat, the posts of the old Financial Section of the Account Office are being held in abeyance. The net cost of the new Financial Secretariat for the next year, after deducting the savings on this account, is estimated to be about Rs ·21 of a lakh. Provision has also been made for the expenses in connection with the General Elections to the Legislature next year and for the revision of the State Manual.

17. *Public Service Commissioner*—The Public Service Commissioner took charge on the 10th July 1935. He was engaged in framing the Public Service Recruitment Rules and making all the preliminary arrangements for holding the examinations prescribed in

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those rules. A provision of Rs 38,570 for the Commissioner and his staff has been made under General Administration in the budget for 1112.

18. *Administration of Justice.*—A Statutes Revision Committee, composed of official and non-official members, was appointed early this year, for examining such of the legislative enactments now in force in the State, as have become out of date and require amendment or revision in the light of the changes that have been made in similar laws in British India. This committee will continue to function next year also and provision has been made for the purpose in the budget. The continuance of the existing temporary Second Judges' and Munsiffs' courts, as well as the temporary Sirkar Vakils has also been provided for.

19. *Education.*—The expenditure next year is estimated at Rs 48·74 lakhs. This is about 20 per cent of the total revenue of the State and exceeds the revised estimate for the current year by Rs 1·21 lakhs. The Presidency College, Madras, is now the only College affiliated to the University of Madras for the Honours Degree in Sanskrit. It is felt that unless provision is made in the local Arts College for the advanced teaching of Sanskrit, the State will have to depend on outside resources for staffing its educational institutions with Sanskrit teachers. In order to remove this difficulty and also to encourage the advanced study of Sanskrit in Travancore, the Post-graduate class in that subject was opened in the Arts College from the beginning of the current academic year and the Honours Class is proposed to be opened from the commencement of the next academic year. The provision required for the purpose has been included in the budget Another important and interesting feature of the next year's Education budget is the provision made for the opening of a few vocational Middle schools, as an experimental measure, the subjects proposed to be taught being, for the present, carpentry, smithery, rattan work, clay modelling, etc., and screwpine work. The aim is to give the pupils such practical training in the various subjects as will enable them with advantage to take to the respective vocations for their living; and it is hoped that these institutions will tend to bring about a useful and practical co-ordination between the Educational and Industrial activities of the State in this particular direction. The Summer school of Music opened at Trivandrum in Medam last as an experimental measure for instructing the existing as well as the prospective music teachers in the State in Swathi Thirunal's compositions is to be continued as a permanent feature of the Education department. As a preliminary to the opening of a Branch of the

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